



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
[Project No. 14514-003]

Community of Elfin Cove Non Profit Corporation,  
DBA Elfin Cove Utility Commission;

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR1 Part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a license to construct and operate the Crooked Creek and Jim's Lake Hydroelectric Project. The project would be located on Crooked Creek and Jim's Lake, near the community of Elfin Cove, in the Sitka Recording District, Unorganized Borough, Alaska. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project would occupy 10.5 acres of federal land in the Tongass National Forest, managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14514-003.

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